Fleet management programme for Air India

921. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a detailed fleet management programme for Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the amount of foreign exchange Government expect to earn due to the perspective plan for the Air India;

(d) whether Government have since approved the programme; and

(e) if so, by when it is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Air India has prepared a fleet renewal perspective plan for 20 years and have come to the conclusion that it is possible to have a more younger and modern fleet without additional financial burden. It is a policy paper rather than a substantive fleet plan.

(d) and (e) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Tourism Development Action Plan

922. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a tourism development action plan in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed action plan;

(c) the details of the famous tourist spots in the country which will be provided with extra facilities to earn foreign exchange during the year 1991-92; and

(d) by when the tourism development action plan would be enforced and implemented in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Government are in the process of formulating an action plan for development and promotion of tourism in the country. The action plan would be implemented as soon as it is formulated.

New Airlines in the World to start from India

923. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of new airlines in the world which are going to start services through India; and

(b) what are the names of places Air India propose to cover in the world during the next ten years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) India has bilateral air arrangements with 63 countries of which designated airlines of only 40 countries are operating their flights at present. So for no airlines of the remaining 23 countries has filed its schedule with Director General of Civil Association for approval.

(b) Operation of air services is dependent on traffic rights commercial viability and availability of aircraft capacity. It is difficult to forecast the operational profile of Air India ten years in future.

Foreign Exchange earning from Tourism

924. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the foreign exchange earning from tourism in the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(b) what are the names of tourist centres that were sponsored by the Government of India to be developed to attract more foreign tourists in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are estimated to be Rs. 2053.8 crores, Rs. 2466 crores, and Rs. 2444 crores, respectively.

(b) Government of India does not sponsor tourist centres directly in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Development of tourist centres is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and assistance is extended by the Central Government on the basis of specific proposals received from them.

पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा जारी किये जाने वाले परमिट

925. **श्री चतुरानन मिश्र :** क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार के पर्यटन विभाग के क्षेत्रीय निदेशालय द्वारा पर्यटन गाइडों, पर्यटन-कारों, होटलों और दुकानों के लिये अनुज्ञा-पत्र जारी किये जाते हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो जून, 1989 से जून, 1991 के दौरान उपर्युक्त में से प्रत्येक के लिये कितने-कितने अनुज्ञा-पत्र जारी किये गये हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) पर्यटन विभाग को पर्यटक कारों, होटलों और दुकानों के लिये परमिट जारी करने की कोई स्कीम नहीं है। तथापि, केन्द्र सरकार की पर्यटन परिवहन प्रचालकों को मान्यता प्रदान करने और होटलों को परियोजना स्तर पर अनुमोदन प्रदान करने एवं इन होटलों का वर्गीकरण करने की एक स्कीम है। पर्यटन गाइडों को गाइड प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रम सफलतापूर्वक पूरा करने पर पहचान-पत्र जारी किये जाते हैं।

(ख) जून, 1989 से जून 1991 तक की अवधि के दौरान, पर्यटक गाइडों को 175 पहचान-पत्र जारी किये गये थे। प्रति वर्ष पहचान-पत्रों का नवीकरण किया जाता है और इस समय कुल 659 अनुमोदित पर्यटक गाइड हैं।

Strike by pilots and engineers of Indian Airlines

926. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pilots and engineers of Indian Airlines adopted undeclared 'go slow' recently;

(b) if so, what are the details of flights which were disrupted thereby and losses suffered by the Airlines; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Aircraft Maintenance Engineers resorted to "go slow" during the first week of October 1991 and a section of pilots reported sick on 3rd and 4th November, 1991.

(b) The impact of the agitation resulted in, apart from delays to as many as 398 flights, withdrawal of one flight and combining flights thereby reducing their number to 6 as against 13 planned flights. While it is difficult to estimate precisely the loss arising from delayed flights, the loss directly attributable to non-operation of 8 flights is estimated at Rs. 8.75 lakhs.

(c) The main issue of the engineers' agitation i.e. parity in pay scales and